

# Sarah E. Argue

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## Degrees and Credentials

Clinton School of Public Service	Master of Public Service, April 2009	Little Rock, AR
Department of Education	Elementary (1-6) Educator's License, Initial, November 2004	Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Wellesley College	Post-Baccalaureate in Education, June 2004 Fifth Year Teacher Certification Program	Wellesley, MA
Wellesley College	Bachelor of Arts Degree, June 2003 <b>Majors:</b> Political Science and Economics	Wellesley, MA
Little Rock Central High School	Graduated Cum Laude, June 1999 National Merit Finalist	Little Rock, AR

## Professional Experience

### Arkansas Research Center – *Early Childhood Education Project Director*

Oct 2011 – present

Conway, AR

- Facilitates communication between the Arkansas Department of Human Services and ARC.
- Conducts research on early childhood education programs and their outcomes in Arkansas.

### Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families – *Consultant*

Nov 2011 – March 2012

Little Rock, AR

- Expanded and update Opportunity-to-Learn Standards report for publication and dissemination throughout Arkansas.

Oct 2009 – May 2010

Little Rock, AR

- Conducted and summarized interviews and roundtables with school district superintendents, local leaders, parents, and primary care physicians, synthesized primary themes of each discussion, and highlighted essential features for a state-wide Coordinated School Health program in report, *Health and Schools: A Partnership for Results*.

### EAST Initiative – *Director of Development*

December 2009 – Sept. 2011

Little Rock, AR

- Built statewide relationships and recognition among businesses and professionals of the EAST educational model of self-directed learning, teamwork and collaboration, community service and industry-grade, sophisticated technology.
- Designed and executed fundraising events and strategies for the long-term growth and sustainability of the EAST Initiative, including oversight of fundraising efforts for the annual EAST Conference.
- Wrote large and small grants to raise awareness of the EAST model, to open new funding opportunities for the Initiative, and to encourage local and national support of EAST.
- Managed public relations and marketing efforts of the EAST Initiative.

### The Colon Club – *Director of Program Development*

December 2008 – October 2009

Little Rock, AR

- Developed fundraising plans and oversaw the development of new programs.
- Managed and supervised Colossal Colon® stops throughout the United States and Canada.
- Coordinated the annual Cut the Cheese and Colorectal Cancer: It's a Big Dam Problem Walk fundraising events in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- Directed new media public relations on Facebook and Twitter.
- Assisted in the production of the Colondar<sup>SM</sup>, an annual calendar of colorectal cancer survivors, including photo shoot weekend support, media relations, and video interview editing and production.

### Jackson Mann Elementary – *General Education Teacher*

Jan 2005 – June 2007

Allston, MA

- January 2005 – June 2006: fourth grade; September 2006 – June 2007: fifth grade.
- Developed and executed daily lesson plans based on Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and Boston Public Schools Learning Standards.
- Attended Professional Development seminars on *Closing the Achievement Gap*, led Collaborative Coaching and Learning literacy cycle, and completed Limited English Proficiency training.

- University of Iowa – Urban Teachers Poetry Workshop** July 2005 Iowa City, IA
- Assisted in development of America SCORES Poetry Curriculum.
  - Participated in intensive creative writing workshop focusing on teaching and crafting poetry.
- Joseph Lee Elementary School – AWC Long-term Substitute** Sept - Dec 2004 Dorchester, MA  
**4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Long-term Substitute** May - June 2004
- Developed and executed daily lesson plans based on fourth and fifth grade Advanced Work Curriculum (AWC) for reading and writing and Fourth Grade MA Curriculum Frameworks in reading, writing, math, science, and social studies.
  - Maintained classroom organization through behavior management plan.

## Service Experience

- Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families – Independent Research** Sept 2008 – Dec 2008 Little Rock, AR
- Conducted research on Opportunity-to-Learn Standards and the feasibility of an Arkansas Students' Bill of Rights to provide understanding of long-term implications of the *Lake View* education reform decision.
  - Outlined a strategy for grassroots involvement in developing a meaningful Students' Bill of Rights.
- South African Environment and Education Project – Sustainability Consultant** May 2008 – August 2008 Cape Town, South Africa
- Designed and executed an evaluation model for the Early Childhood Development portion of SAEP.
  - Interviewed twelve preschool principals in order to gather information on status of school.
- Arkansas DeltaMade – Clinton School Practicum Team** August 2007 – May 2008 Arkansas Delta
- Assisted in launch of *Arkansas DeltaMade* branding and promotional program at Arkansas Blues and Heritage Festival in Helena, AR.
  - Designed and executed Technical Assistance Coordination Plan to bridge needs and opportunities for *Arkansas DeltaMade* entrepreneurs.
- Clinton School of Public Service – Research Assistant** June 2007 – Dec 2007 Little Rock, AR
- Conducted research on early childhood education, teacher quality, and structural reforms for inclusion in the report, *Education in the Post- Lake View Era: What is Arkansas Doing to Close the Achievement Gap?*, sponsored by Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families and the Arkansas Public Policy Panel.
- New England SCORES – Master Writing Coach** Jan 2005 – June 2007 Allston, MA  
**Site Coordinator** Jan 2006 – June 2007
- Taught poetry curriculum designed to integrate SCORES philosophy of healthy minds and bodies.
  - Recruited students, maintained parent contact, and served as administrative coordinator for the program.

## Awards and Honors

*Arkansas Business*, "20 in their 20s", 2010  
 Leadership Greater Little Rock, Class XXVI, 2009  
 Allston - Brighton Community Scholar, Harvard Extension School, 2007  
 Junior Fellow, American Academy of Political and Social Science, 2004